

REMARKS

This is a simultaneous amendment for the U.S. National Stage of PCT/EP 03/04718.

This simultaneous amendment has been prepared to enter the changes of the amended pages in the International Application and to put the specification and claims in a form that conforms to U.S. Patent Office Rules.

Accordingly optical lens claims 1 to 9 of the English translation of the PCT application have been canceled and new claims 10 to 17 have been filed. Claims 10 to 17 contain the same subject matter as the claims 1 to 8 of the amended pages in the corresponding PCT application. New independent claim 10 includes the subject matter of claim 1 of the amended pages, but avoids the use of "process language".

Multiple claim dependencies, which are not permitted in U.S. Patent Practice, have been eliminated. On the other hand, permitted multiple claim dependencies are utilized to provide complete patent claim coverage.

The specification has been put in a form that complies with the rules and recommendations of the U.S. Patent Office. Standard section headings have been added. References to the claims by number have been replaced by the subject matter of the claims referred to. Minor translation and other informalities have been corrected.

Additional reference numbers or characters have been added to the

figures to comply with 37 C.F.R. 84. The detailed description in the specification has been amended to include these reference characters.

An abstract, which complies with the U.S. rules for abstracts, has been provided above. This abstract replaces any abstract provided with the PCT application or elsewhere in the U.S. National stage application papers.

The changes in the specification have been made in accordance with the revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121. Especially note section (b), (1) of rule 121, which states that for the purpose of this section a section heading or a title is considered a paragraph.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawing be further amended or corrected in formal respects to put this case in condition for final allowance, then it is requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment and the case passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing the case to allowance, he or she is invited to telephone the undersigned at 1-631-549 4700.

In view of the foregoing, favorable allowance is respectfully solicited.

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